



# OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

HALL OF JUSTICE

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF



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Dear Ms. Best:

This letter is in response to your request for records under the California Public Records Act dated and received by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Discovery Unit on May 30, 2019.

In your request, you are seeking the following:

"Documents mentioning or relating to Anonymous (the hacker movement/collective, see below) or hacktivism (defined as hacking as a form of protest and/or activism) generated between 1 January 2009 and 1 January 2019, including but not limited to:

- \* Internal reports, bulletins, warnings and alerts relating to Anonymous or hacktivism
- \* Reports from the appropriate IT (Information Technology) or computer offices regarding possible cyber attacks by Anonymous or other hacktivists
- \* Reports, bulletins, warnings and alerts sent to or received from either the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Homeland Security, any fusion center or federal agency relating to or mentioning Anonymous or hacktivism
- \* Incident reports investigating possible hacking activity falling within the office's jurisdiction and allegedly carried out by members of Anonymous or other hacktivist groups
- \* Materials generated as a result of any suspected or actual compromise, breach or "dox" (revealing of personal or private information) by Anonymous or other hacktivists."

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Although the Sheriff's Department is obligated to respond within 10 days of receipt of the request, this time limit is subject to an extension of up to fourteen (14) days under the following circumstances as defined in Government Code §6253(c)(1):

The need to search for and collect the requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request.

Please be advised due to the existence of the above unusual circumstances, a further extension is required to ascertain if responsive documents are available. Upon determination of the responsive documents, time to appropriately examine such records and perform required redactions is necessary.

In addition, please note that we may redact or withhold records if there are any exempt matters impacting the privacy rights of individuals (California Constitution, Article I, Section 1, and Government Code Sections 6254(k) and 6255(a)). Other exempt matters will include those protected by the attorney-client, official information and deliberative process privileges, pending litigation exemption, personnel exemption, or other matters otherwise protected from disclosure by law or where the particular facts and circumstances warrant nondisclosure of the information (Government Code sections 6254(b), (c), (k), and 6255(a)).

If you have any questions, please contact Lieutenant Norman of the Discovery Unit at (323) 890-5000.

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberly L. Unland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small flourish at the end.

Kimberly L. Unland, Captain  
Risk Management Bureau